GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ACTION AGAINST PERSONS OCCUPYING RESERVED SEATS
LAXMAN GILUWA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether action is not being taken against the persons occupying reserved seats;

(b) if so, the number of such cases registered during the last three years;

(c) the role of T.T.I. in this regard and whether the T.T.I. has to face many difficulties in carrying out his duty;

(d) whether the assistance of RPF constables is given to T.T.I. and the offenders will be fined heavily after being apprehended on the charge of seat grabbing; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): No, Sir. Action is taken against persons unauthorisedly occupying reserved seats/berths.

(b): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) to (e): Instructions exist for detraining unauthorised persons from reserved coaches. However, due to difficult law and order situation in some parts of the country, it is, sometimes, not possible to evict unauthorised passengers. In addition, apart from ticket checking activities, the Travelling Ticket Examiners (TTEs) are also entrusted with various other on-board activities.Though the Railway Protection Force (RPF) is associated in the various checks yet it is not possible to provide RPF assistance to every TTE or account of manpower constraints.